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**From:** Asao, Stevie@DTSC [Stevie.Asao@dtsc.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/5/2020 8:56:40 PM  
**To:** Leong, Denise [Leong.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Denise,

We're taking it day by day. ☺ Hope you and your family are doing well too!

The agreement is currently being reviewed by the Water Board. Once we have their approval, we'll be ready for everyone to sign the agreement. No one else has had any changes.

Thanks,  
Stevie

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**From:** Leong, Denise <Leong.Denise@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Asao, Stevie@DTSC <Stevie.Asao@dtsc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Stevie, Hope all is well with you and your family. Just checking in on the status of our agreement. Thanks, Denise

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**To:** Leong, Denise <[Leong.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Leong.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Denise,

Thanks for the redline. I'll be in touch after it makes the rounds to the other California BDOs involved.

It was so nice to talk to another parent of a young kid.

Thanks,  
Stevie

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Stevie, So nice to talk to you today. Attached is a redline of the Agreement. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Denise

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**From:** Leong, Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Asao, Stevie@DTSC <[Stevie.Asao@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Stevie.Asao@dtsc.ca.gov)>  
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Hi Stevie, yes that's a good number. Looking forward to chatting. Thanks, Denise

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Yes, that's fine. Can I reach you at (415) 972-3409?

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Stevie, Does 2pm today still work for you? Thanks, Denise

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Denise,  
I am free Wednesday between 1-3pm. Let me know what time works for you and I can call you.

Thanks,  
Stevie

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Stevie,

The draft looks good but I'd like to talk to you about Paragraph 12. Let me know if you have time for a quick call. I'm generally available in the afternoons for the rest of this week. Let me know what would work for you.

Thanks, Denise

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Denise,  
Thanks for the update.

Stevie

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**Subject:** RE: Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Stevie,

Thanks for your email and sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I should be able to get back to you soon on the draft. Also, Melanie Shepherdson, will be signing for EPA – I'll add that in when I return the draft.

Thanks, Denise

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Leong, Denise <[Leong.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Leong.Denise@epa.gov)>; Mintz, Tom <[Mintz.Tom@epa.gov](mailto:Mintz.Tom@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** [anne.ekker@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:anne.ekker@dtsc.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Confidentiality Agreement for CalEPA Initiative for Metal Shredders

Hi Denise and Tom,

This correspondence is regarding DTSC's Work Plan for the CalEPA Environmental Justice Enforcement Task Force initiative of 2020. For DTSC's project, DTSC, US EPA and other state boards, departments, and offices (BDOs) will be discussing in depth the current regulatory status of nine metal shredders located in California with respect to each agency's purview. It is anticipated that in addition to discussions related to specific metal shredders, there will be discussions related to all the nine metal shredders in California.

I have put together a draft Confidentiality Agreement to cover this project. It is based off of the Schnitzer Oakland Confidentiality Agreement and has been reviewed by the California Air Resources Board. My hope is to get comments from EPA and then to circulate the draft to the other involved California BDOs.

If you have any questions or comments related to the Confidentiality Agreement, please feel free to email or call me at 916-823-2120. If you have questions related to the project, please contact Scott Connolly at EPA or Anne Ekker at [Anne.Ekker@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Anne.Ekker@dtsc.ca.gov).

Thanks,  
Stevie

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